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There is something essentially French and chic in this gay little cutaway coat, which is part of a Drecoll suit built for a spring bride. The suit is of tan cloth, with a band of black ottoman silk on the square collar and buttons of black jet with pearl centers. The boots and gloves are champagne color, the boots being in new gaiter top style, with uppers of tan cloth, having flat white buttons.

Wielding the Broom.

It is not an easy matter to sweep well, at any rate, if one judges by experience, for when a broom is put into the hands of the inexperienced more harm than good generally results from the use of it.

Light sweeping and soft brooms are desirable. Many a carpet is prematurely worn out by careless sweeping.

In sweeping thick piled carpets always brush the way of the pile. By doing so it may be kept clean for years. But if the broom is used in a different way the dust will enter the carpet and soon destroy it.

If the carpet covers the whole floor of the room and it is nailed down, place the chairs and other articles of furniture which can be easily moved in the middle of the room, pin up the curtains and cover the couch with an old sheet.

Pieces of damp paper may be sprinkled around the sides of the room, and then sweep with a carpet broom toward one place.

Take short strokes, being careful not to raise the broom much. Sweep the corners and edges with a small whisk-broom.

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There is a law in Germany that when a dog or cat has passed the age of six years it must be turned over to the police to be killed. Not a dozen animals are turned over a year. No matter how old a cat or dog becomes, the owner vows that the age is five years to a day.

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"The police system is wonderful. The officers carry no revolvers or clubs, only swords. Each one has only a small beat to cover—a couple of blocks or so—that he has time to be the monitor of the moral conduct of every person in his district. He knows exactly what each person is doing, where he is working, how he is spending his leisure time and whether he is behaving himself. There is very little crime, and the police courts have little business.

"If you commit an offense you are not dragged off to a police station. Instead, your name and address are taken by the officer in the district, and the next day a letter informs you that you have been fined an amount in keeping with the character of your offense. You are told that you either can send the money by messenger or appear at the prefect's office for trial at a certain time. It doesn't pay to give a policeman a wrong address either, because the system is so perfect that they will find you anyway and fine you more.

"The policemen are instructed to prevent infractions of the law, not to wait for persons to get into trouble and then arrest them. Each policeman has such a small district to cover that you can find one whenever you want one. He sees that his district is kept clean, that each house in it is sanitary and that each resident gets fair treatment from his neighbor. Disputes are settled with no thought of appeal before they ever get to the police station.

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"'What are you doing?' I asked him politely.

"'As a representative of my government,' he replied, 'I am inspecting to see that the passengers of these cabmen are assured a safe journey with them. The government is responsible, you know, and it is my duty to see that all dangers and possibilities of discomforts are eliminated.'

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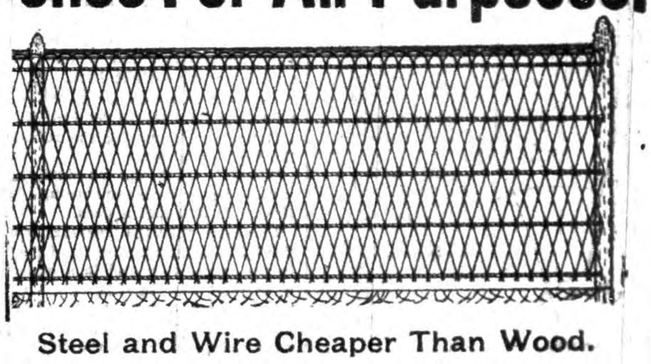

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